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This listing of claims replaces all prior versions.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (Currently amended): A device for providing variable pressure to a point on the body of a person, said device comprising:

 a housing comprising a bottom portion and a top portion, said bottom portion adapted to be placed in apposition to the point and to rest on the body in proximity to the point, said bottom portion having an aperture positioned so as to ~~overly~~ overlie the point when the bottom is placed in apposition to the point;

 a strap for attaching the housing to the body, said strap adapted to be secured on the body and to hold the housing to the body;

 a nodule having a convex surface facing the point, the nodule disposed within the housing, said nodule adapted to slide inwardly and outwardly from the housing through the aperture, said nodule sized and dimensioned to impinge upon an acupuncture point on the wrist without substantially impinging on adjacent areas of the wrist; and

 a solenoid disposed within the housing and operably connected to a lever, said lever operatively engaging the nodule, wherein the lever is capable of driving the nodule inwardly and outwardly from the aperture when the solenoid drives the lever.

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Claim 8 (original): The device of claim 7 further comprising:

a flexible sheet covering the aperture, said sheet being sufficiently flexible to allow the nodule to protrude from the housing.

Claim 9 (original): The device of claim 7 further comprising:

a power supply disposed within the housing, said power supply operably connected to the solenoid; and

a controller disposed within the housing, said controller programmed to operate the solenoid to drive the lever.

Claim 10 (original): The device of claim 7 wherein the solenoid drives the lever to drive the nodule inwardly and outwardly from the aperture at a rate of about 1/3 Hz to about 1/5 Hz.

Claim 11 (Currently amended): The device of claim 7 wherein the solenoid is capable of ~~capable of~~ driving the lever to drive the nodule with varying degrees of force.

Claim 12 (withdrawn): A device for providing variable pressure to a point on a person, said device comprising:

 a housing comprising a bottom portion and a top portion, said bottom portion adapted be placed in apposition to the point on the wrist and to rest on the body in proximity to the point on the wrist, said bottom portion having an aperture positioned as to overlie the point when the bottom is place in apposition to the point;

 a strap for attaching the housing to the wrist of a person, said strap adapted to be secured on the body and hold the housing to the body;

 a nodule disposed within the housing, said nodule adapted to slide inwardly and outwardly from the housing through the aperture, said nodule sized and dimensioned to impinge upon an acupuncture point on the wrist without substantially impinging on adjacent areas of the wrist;

 a reciprocating mechanism disposed within the housing, said reciprocating mechanism operably connected to the nodule such that reciprocating action of the reciprocating mechanism tends to cause outward movement of the nodule through the aperture;

 wherein the reciprocating mechanism drives the nodule with varying degrees of force.

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Claim 13 (withdrawn): The device of claim 12 further comprising:

 a flexible sheet covering the aperture, said sheet being sufficiently flexible to

allow the nodule to protrude from the housing.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): The device of claim 12 further comprising a controller disposed

within the housing, said controller programmed to operating the reciprocating mechanism to

drive the nodule.

Claim 15 (withdrawn): The device of claim 12 wherein the reciprocating mechanism

drives the nodule inwardly and outwardly from the aperture at a rate of about 1/3 Hz to about 1/5

Hz.

Claim 16 (withdrawn): A device for providing variable pressure to a point on the body of a person, said device comprising:

 a housing comprising a bottom portion and a top portion, said bottom portion adapted be placed in apposition to the point and to rest on the body in proximity to the point, said bottom portion having an aperture positioned so as to overly the point when the bottom is placed in apposition to the point;

 a strap for attaching the housing to the body, said strap adapted to be secured on the body and hold the housing to the body;

 a nodule having a flat surface disposed within the housing, said nodule adapted to slide inwardly and outwardly from the housing through the aperture, said nodule sized and dimensioned to impinge upon an acupuncture point on the wrist without substantially impinging on adjacent areas of the wrist; and

 a solenoid disposed within the housing and operably connected to a lever, said lever operatively engaging the nodule, wherein the lever is capable of driving the nodule inwardly and outwardly from the aperture when the solenoid drives the lever.

Claim 17 (withdrawn): The device of claim 16 further comprising:

 a flexible sheet covering the aperture, said sheet being sufficiently flexible to allow the nodule to protrude from the housing.

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Claim 18 (withdrawn): The device of claim 16 further comprising:

 a power supply disposed within the housing, said power supply operably
connected to the solenoid; and

 a controller disposed within the housing, said controller programmed to operate
the solenoid to drive the lever.

Claim 19 (withdrawn): The device of claim 16 wherein the solenoid drives the lever to
drive the nodule inwardly and outwardly from the aperture at a rate of about 1/3 Hz to about 1/5
Hz.

Claim 20 (withdrawn): The device of claim 16 wherein the solenoid is capable of capable
of driving the lever to drive the nodule with varying degrees of force.